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WIRE SERVICES:

AP, SCHWEID LEADS WITH PLEDGE BY SAUDI ARABIA TO KEEP OIL PRICES FROM RISING OR EVEN GET A REDUCTION. SAQQAF GAVE HAK THAT PROMISE AFTER HAK MET WITH FAISAL, BUT SAID THAT SA WOULD NOT BREAK RANKS WITH OTHER PRODUCERS AND LOWER PRICES UNILATERALLY. THIS IS THE SECOND PROMISE HAK RECEIVED ON OIL DURING THE TRIP, THE FIRST BEING FROM THE SHAH. BRIEF MENTION OF STOPS IN AMMAN AND DAMASCUS, NO EXPLANATION.

UPI, EX DAMASCUS, SAYS HAK HAS BACKING OF EGYPT, SAUDI

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ARABIA, AND JORDAN, "BUT FACED AN INCREASINGLY MILITANT

STAND BY DAMASCUS." HAK CITED FROM AMMAN ON UNEXPECTED ARAB FLEXIBILITY IN INTERPRETING RABAT DECISION. AIRPORT STATEMENT QUOTED ON STEP-BY-STEP METHOD PREFERRED. OFFICIALS ON THE TRIP SAY HAK BELIEVES CONSULTATIONS HAVE GONE WELL, BELIEVES STILL A CHANCE OF PROMOTING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN SINAI PULLBACK. PLANNED TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN ON WEST BANK STYMIED, BUT STILL THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING A NEW WAY TO TALK. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES CITED SAYING ASSAD WANTS TO PREVENT SEPARATE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS, WHICH WOULD LEAVE SYRIA'S PROBLEMS UNSETTLED. SECURITY AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT TIGHTER THAN USUAL.

NOTE: BOTH WIRES REPORT FROM ANKARA ECEVIT'S STATEMENT THAT HAK VISIT HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO TURKISH POLITICAL SITUATION.

MORNING PAPERS:

ALL LEAD WITH SUPPORT BY SADAT AND FAISAL OF HAK EFFORTS FOR PEACE IN THE ME.

1. NYTIMES: GWERTZMAN ON PAGE 1 FROM AMMAN AFTER TALKS W/ SADAT AND FATSAL SAYS HAK ENCOURAGED THAT "THE WAY STILL SEEMED OPEN TO FURTHER DIPLOMATIC ACCOMODATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS." SADAT'S NEWS CONFERENCE CITED, ALSO SAQQAF, PRAISING HAK ACTIVITY. AMERICANS ENCOURAGED BY SUPPORT, FLEXIBILITY. 200,000 TONS OF WHEAT AND SORGHUM TO BE SOLD, PLUS PREVIOUS 100,000. SADAT TREATED RABAT "IN A VERY LOW-KEY FASHION," SAYING IT EMPHASIZED PALESTINE. ARAFAT IN CAIRO, SEEING SADAT, LED TO SPECULATION SADAT TRYING TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH HAK, AT WHICH SADAT SCOFFED. IN SEPERATE SMALL ARTICLE, OIL PRICE PLEDGE BY SAQQAF REPORTED.

2. WASHPOST: MARDER ON PAGE 1 FROM AMMAN SAYS HAK COLLECTED SUPPORT FROM EGYPT AND SA FOR HIS DIPLOMACY DESPITE RABAT DECISION, AND SUPPORT EXPECTED FROM HUSSEIN ALSO. THESE REPRESENT A MODERATE POSITION AMONG ARAB LEADERS, AS CONTRASTED WITH MILITANT POSITION SHOWN UNCLASSIFIED

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AT RABAT, BUT TRIP TO BE MORE DIFFICULT DURING VISITS TO DAMASCUS AND ISRAEL. SYRIA IS INFLUENCED BY SOVIET UNION, WHICH FAVORS RETURN TO GENEVA; ISRAEL REFUSES TO TALK W/ PLO. SAQQAF STATEMENT QUOTED AT LENGTH, ON HAK EFFORTS & ON OIL PRICE STABILITY. HAK REPLY GIVEN RE OIL, WITH REFERENCE TO EARLIER STATEMENT IN IRAN THAT US WANTS TO HOLD OIL PRICES STABLE FOR NOW. SADAT-ARAFAT MTG MENTIONED, BUT SADAT SAW NO PROBLEM IN TALKING WITH BOTH

HIM AND HAK. (LARGE PHOTO OF HAK AND SADAT)

3. BALTSUN: MILLS ON PAGE 1 EX AMMAN WITH SAME LEAD, SAYS HAK WON "UNEXPECTEDLY WARM ENDORSEMENT" FROM SADAT, "LAVISH PRAISE" AFTER TALKS WITH FAISAL. SAQQAF ON OIL PRICES CITED. US OFFICIALS SAID TO INTERPRET SADAT REMARKS AS ENCOURAGING RE STEP-BY-STEP METHOD. "ALL ALONG THE WAY, MR. KISSINGER IS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES OF FINESSING THE INTRACTABLE WEST BANK PROBLEM SO THAT NEGOTIATING MOMENTUM MAY BE MAINTAINED WITH PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS." SADAT ENCOURAGED BELIEF THAT RABAT DID NOT BLOCK OTHER PROGRESS. BUT SENIOR OFFICIAL ON THE PLANE SAYS NEXT STAGE WILL BE SLOW AND WITHOUT BREAKTHROUGHS. SPECULATION ABOUT MEETING WITH ARAFAT MENTIONED, BUT BOTH HAK AND SADAT DENIED ANY LINK.

4. NYDAILY NEWS: CARTER FROM AMMAN PAGE 6, SAME AS OTHER PAPERS: SADAT AND FAISAL SUPPORT, EGYPT CAN TALK WITH ISRAEL DESPITE RABAT DECISION, ARAFAT IN CAIRO BUT NO MEETING WITH HAK. (PHOTO OF HAK AND SADAT LAUGHING TOGETHER) IN SEPARATE SHORT ARTICLE, CARTER CITES SAQQAF ON OIL PRICES, MENTIONS SHAH STATEMENT OF LAST WEEK OPPOSING PRICE REDUCTION.

5. WASH STAR-NEWS: O'LEARY ON PAGE 8 OF THE SPORTS SECTION SAYS HAK CONVINCED PALESTINIAN ISSUE NOT AS EXPLOSIVE AS IT FIRST APPEARED AFTER RABAT. HUSSEIN PLAYING PLO QUESTION WITH A COOL HAND, SADAT AND FAISAL ARE MODERATE. TODAY HAK MEETS WITH INTRANSIGENT LEADERS: ASSAD AND RABIN. SENIOR OFFICIAL SAYS ISRAELIS PANICKED WHEN RABAT DECIDED FOR PLO, BUT SADAT AND FAISAL SAW IT AS LESS DRAMATIC. SADAT AND SAQQAF CITED AS ABOVE. MEETING WITH ASSAD EXPECTED TO BE THE TOUGHEST, SINCE HE WILL SUPPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PLO. SOME EVIDENCE THAT ISRAELIS HAVE CALMED DOWN SINCE RABAT NEWS; HAK EXPECTED TO COUNSEL CALM FOR ISRAELIS WHILE ARABS DECIDE ON NEXT MOVES. "HIS VIEW EVIDENTLY IS THAT HE CAN COME BACK TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND AND LEAVE THE ME TO ITS OWN DEVICES FOR A MONTH OR SO. HIS FEELING IS THAT, WHILE TEMPERS ARE HIGH, NONE OF THE NATIONS IN THIS AREA IS READY TO EVEN THINK OF WAR FOR THE NEXT THREE TO SIX MONTHS." IN COMPANION ARTICLE BY STRINGER IN BEIRUT, PLO REPORTED TO HAVE SHELVED PLANS FOR A GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE, ACCORDING TO AN INTERVIEW BY SHAFIK EL HOUT.

6. BOSGLOBE: JHABVALA FROM RIYADH LEADS WITH INDICATION FROM SADAT THAT EGYPT WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL ON SINAI PULLBACK, RABAT NOTWITHSTANDING. SADAT PRAISE OF

HAK CITED, AND SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID EGYPTIAN FLEXI-
BILITY IS START OF DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED NEXT STAGES.
SADAT SPOKE TO HAK AND NEWSMEN AFTER HAVING SEEN ARAFAT.
REMARKS ARE RBMINDER TO SOVIETS OF EGYPTIAN INDENDENCE.
TALK WITH FAISAL SUCCESSFUL, HUSSEIN AND ASSAD WERE NEXT.
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